

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1172 – HB 1190**

March 8, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Health to purchase a uniform accidental death policy for the benefit of all emergency responders killed in the line of duty, who are current in any required training and physical exams. The term, “emergency responder,” includes any law enforcement officer, firefighter, 911 operator, emergency services personnel, and any other person who responds to 911 emergency assistance calls.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$765,600**

Assumptions:

- Currently, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 7-51-206 through -208 provides a death benefit of \$25,000 for paid and volunteer firefighters, squad workers, and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- According to the Department of Health’s Office of Emergency Medical Services, there are approximately 72,500 individuals in Tennessee who may benefit from this policy (20,000 licensed emergency medical service providers + 24,000 firefighters + 26,000 law enforcement officers + 2,500 911 dispatchers).
- According to the Department, a \$40,000 accidental death policy that is currently available for employees is \$10.56 annually per employee; therefore, it is estimated that providing this accidental death policy will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$765,600 (\$10.56 x 72,500 emergency responders).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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